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REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the examiner's allowance of various claims. In response, the claims have been amended or canceled to obviate all rejections and objections and to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the amended application as above are respectfully requested.

The following claim amendments have been made and no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 14, 36, 39 and 40 have been canceled to obviate all rejections and objections there to.

Claim 2, which is patentable over the cited prior art on record as indicated by the examiner, has now been amended to include all features recited in its base Claim 1 as an independent claim. In addition, Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error in its language. The amended Claim 2 is now allowable. Accordingly, Claims 4-7 have been amended to change their dependency from Claim 1 to Claim 2 and are now patentable and allowable.

Claim 10, which is patentable over the cited prior art on record as indicated by the examiner, has now been amended to include all features recited in its base Claim 9 as an independent claim. Amended Claim 10 is now allowable. Accordingly, Claims 11, 12 and 62 have been amended to change their dependency from Claim 9 to Claim 10 and are now patentable and allowable.

Claim 37, which is patentable over the cited prior art on record as indicated by the examiner, has now been amended to include all features recited in its base Claim 36 as an independent claim. Amended Claim 37 is now allowable.

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Accordingly, Claim 38 has been amended to change its dependency from Claim 36 to Claim 37 and thus is now patentable and allowable.

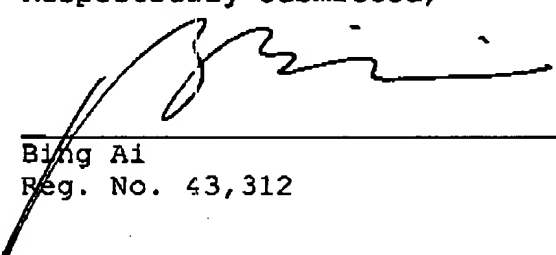
In addition, Claims 64-74 have been newly added based on the specification as originally filed in this application. In view of the cited prior art on record and the examiner's allowance of various claims in the office action, it is respectfully suggested that the new Claims 64-74 are distinctly different from the cited prior art and thus are patentable. Allowance of Claims 64-74 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, all remaining claims are now patentable and are in a full condition for allowance. Accordingly, the application is now in a full condition for allowance.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply a payment of \$125 for extra claim fees, \$225 for a 2 month extension of time, and any other applicable charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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